



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL SITTING AS THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**Council Chamber in City Hall
68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero
Cathedral City, CA 92234**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2005

The regular meeting of the City Council, also sitting as the Redevelopment Agency, and the was called to order by Mayor DeRosa in the Council Chambers on March 23, 2005 at 3:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members/RDA Board Members England, Marchand, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice-Chairman Pettis, and Mayor/Chairman DeRosa

Absent: None

The regular meeting began at 6:31 p.m. and was opened by Mayor DeRosa with a moment of silence for Lalo Guerrero. Pastor Randy Brodhagen of Glory to God Ministries International gave the invocation. The Cathedral City High School Air Force Junior ROTC Color Guard presented the colors and Mayor DeRosa led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, Subd. (b)
Number of Potential Cases: 3
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Donald Bradley, City Manager
Represented Employees: 1) Cathedral City Police Fire Management Association (CCPFMA); 2) American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.
3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. **(Keith Scott)**
Property Location: South of East Palm Canyon Drive, West of the Perez Road extension, East of Canyon Plaza
APN#s 687-030-010 and 074

Negotiating Parties: Redevelopment Agency and Desert Hills Mobile Home Park, Inc.

Property Owner: Desert Hills Mobile Home Park

Under Negotiation: Property Negotiations

4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. (**Keith Scott**)

Property Location: South of East Palm Canyon Drive, West of West of Cathedral Canyon APN#s 687-040-047

Negotiating Parties: Redevelopment Agency and George Baker

Property Owner: Redevelopment Agency

Under Negotiation: Property Negotiations

5. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (**Tami Scott**)

Property Location: East of Van Fleet Avenue, South of East Palm Canyon Drive; APN #'s 687-207-005 (Sousa) and 687-223-016 (Sanchez)

Negotiating Parties: Redevelopment Agency and BCN Developments, Inc.

Property Owners: Martin Sousa, et al; Jorge & Maria Sanchez

Under Negotiation: Disposition of Property

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Attorney Green advised there was two reportable actions out of closed session. Items 4 and 5.

Item 4: Mayor Pro Tem Pettis moved that the Redevelopment Agency authorize the execution of a deed returning certain property inadvertently deeded to the Agency by Glory to God Ministries as part of a larger transaction. Motion seconded by Council Member England, motion carried 4-0 by **Resolution No. R-405**.

Item 5: Mayor Pro Tem Pettis moved to authorize to continue the services of Maurice Robinson & Associated, LLC as a Hotel Consultant for the City urban Revitalization Corporation (CURC). Motion seconded by Council Member Marchand, motion carried 4-0 by **Minute Order R-1017**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Martinez – Ambiente Inn, Cathedral City. Mr. Martinez wanted to introduce five guests from our Sister City Tequila, Mexico. The Mayor, Miguel Marin, Martin Ramirez, German Garcia, Gaytan Garcia and Ricardo (last name inaudible on tape). The Mayor of Tequila thanked everyone for all the support we have given them – they need our support right now. They are very poor and when they came to Cathedral city it is like another world. They invited everyone to visit their city.

Bill Cohen – Cathedral City. Mr. Cohen was making a plea for more Citizens On Patrol (COPS) and also offered T-shirts at \$16. He offered a deal to anyone who bought six T-shirts, he would host them to Lunch at Ming's. Mayor DeRosa offered to buy six T-shirts for the visitors from Tequila, and told Mr. Cohen that he and his wife should enjoy the luncheon at Ming's.

Steven Little – President of Higher Standards Pool Construction Incorporated. I have been the Fountain of Life Maintenance Contractor since 17 July 2000. My staff and I have acted on good faith and the City has always been fair with us. In September of 2004 the city allocated funds for repair and redesign for plumbing, electric and hydraulic systems for the fountain. In October 2004 we executed the redesign and rebuild of the fountain. The agreement with the city was we were to be paid on completion of the project. The costs of the pumps and equipment installed in the fountain is approximately \$40,000. This council in their meeting of February 23, 2005 has approved payment to my company in the amount of \$61,140.34. I have yet to see that payment. I am a small company, I'm in debt to my suppliers, I would appreciate payment of my invoices. Thank you.

Mayor DeRosa, seeing no one else wishing to speak, closed Public Comments.

AGENDA FINALIZATION:

Mayor DeRosa announced that item 7 would be continued as noted.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Stephanie Price – CCHS. Recently our campus was "tagged". The entire campus was spray painted with profane words and inappropriate phrases. The school is offering a \$1000 reward for information that would lead to apprehension of the vandals. Lower classman have elected their officers. The seniors are getting ready for their trip to Disneyland after graduation ceremonies. Melissa Torres was absent this evening.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis was in Washington D.C. last week attending the National League of Cities Conference. He met with Senators Boxer and Feinstein. He also met with Representative Bono and the transportation engineer. He wanted to thank the Cathedral City Fire Fighters for providing the food for the last Chamber of Commerce mixer.

Mayor DeRosa commented that we had a proclamation for the family of Lalo Guerrero, but the family is in Arizona at a memorial service and we will present the Proclamation tonight, and again to the family at a later date, she asked that we keep the family in our prayers. Also she attended another celebration of life this week for Daniel Rameriz, the 16 year old who died at Cathedral City High School recently. Daniel was a member of the Junior ROTC and was a fine young man. The Air Museum will be dedicating their Education Center, and Danny's picture will be the first to be displayed. This family will be here some time in the future to accept a proclamation in Danny's name. Mayor DeRosa was invited to Mexicali by the Mayor there for a celebration. The hospitality was beyond what anyone could expect. They want to explore a partnership with Cathedral City, which we will do in the future. We had a cove meeting and had over 700 residents in attendance. She commended the Steering committee and she is hoping that this project will be a huge success. We had a community meeting at Sunny Sands. There was some problem with the publicity, however we had 25 residents who were thrilled to meet the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, the Economic Development Director.

This is all part of a strategic plan that the city has put forward, there will be four more meetings like this, they are on the odd month, on the third Tuesday at 6:30 pm. She had the honor to throw out the first pitch at the Little League in the 5-15 year old division. She also had an opportunity of meeting with Mary Bono's staff here in the district, and thank her for the 6 million cove sewer grant that she has applied for benefit of the sewers in the cove. This was done at a social event. She is meeting again on Friday with other Mayor's in the valley, this will allow us to thank Mary Bono for her efforts to obtain another grant.

The Mayor wanted to thank the Public Arts Commission for allowing us to move the display in the hallway for Lalo Guerrero to a more prominent area. Also she wanted to thank the Deputy City Manager and the Deputy City Clerk for their help. Sunline Transit is our bus company, they have received \$500,000 for a bus replacement, with the efforts of Congresswoman Bono. There are millions of dollars going to various interchanges – there are two here in the desert, one at I-10 and Palm Drive and one at I-10 and Indian. Unfortunately we did not get funding for Date Palm. Our kids have been doing some fabulous things and Chase England, son of our Council Member England, took 1st place in a math competition, Chase is an incredible student, he is bright, and also a member of the HS Band. We also have a Spelling "B" champion from James Workman Middle School, Michael Tian, who will be off to the nationals in Washington in June. There will be a concert of the Symphonic and Jazz bands on Thursday evening. Also we would like to offer our condolences to Scott Keeran, a Cathedral City Fire Fighter and his wife, Elena, on the passing of Scott's mother Josline Keeran. Elena was our city clerk several years ago.

MINUTES

Mayor DeRosa called for correction/approval of minutes from the regularly scheduled City Council/RDA Board meeting held on Wednesday March 9th, 2005. Hearing no corrections the Minutes stand approved as submitted.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

There was a short presentation by the American Red Cross regarding services provided to Citizens of Cathedral City by Pamela Anderson, Riverside County Director. She was asking for financial help for her division, and advised that there is less giving to direct financial local disaster relief. You can specify where you want your donations to go, so please mark them for the Riverside County Division.

Proclamation declaring the week of April 10-16, 2005 as Crime Victims' Rights Week in Cathedral City.

Proclamation declaring the month of March as National Mental Retardation Awareness Month. Accepted by Bill Ka'Anoi of the Foundation for the Retarded of the Desert.

Proclamation declaring the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month accepted by Sarah Shook.

Proclamation by the City Council for the City of Cathedral City, declaring the month of March, 2005 as Iwo Jima Commemoration Month in Cathedral City, presented to the Marines from 29 Palms and the Marine League, one of which was on Iwo Jima 60 years ago, and had attended the memorial in Iwo Jima last week.

Council Member Marchand presented both the 1st paragraph and the last paragraph of a proclamation for Lalo Guerrero in English and Spanish and asked that we adjourn tonight in memory of both Lalo Guerrero and Joslin Keeran.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis moved approval of the Consent Agenda, motion seconded by Council Member Marchand, motion passed 4-0 with exception of Item 6 which passed with a motion of 3-0-1 as Council Member Marchand abstained due to a potential conflict.

1. Received and filed demands in the aggregate amount of \$10,792,606 for the month of February, 2005 **by Minute Order #3870 and Minute Order R-1018.**
2. Authorized staff to submit to the Department of Justice the Byrne Assistance Grant Application as prepared prior to the March 31, 2005 deadline **by Minute Order #3871.**
3. Approved an Ordinance of the City Council for the City of Cathedral City, approving and adopting the 2005 amendment to the amended Redevelopment Enabling Plan for the Cathedral City Redevelopment Project Area No. 3 **by Ordinance No. 603.**
4. Approved a Resolution of the City Council for the City of Cathedral City, approving the submittal of an application to the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to initiate proceedings for the dissolution of the Cathedral City Community Services District and determining that the project is categorically exempt from CEQA **by Resolution No. 2005-23**
5. Approved Two Contract Change Orders with Honeywell Inc., as part of the Energy Improvement Project **by Minute Order #3872.**
6. Approved proposed resolution of the Redevelopment Agency for the City of Cathedral City, authorizing execution of lease land with Barbara Gonzales-Lyons **by Minute Order R-1019.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. Joint Public Hearing between the City of Cathedral City and the Redevelopment Agency pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 33431 and 33433 regarding a proposed Disposition and Development Agreement by and between the Agency and CCC Properties LLC.

This item to be continued to April 13, 2005.

8. Adopt proposed resolution of necessity for the acquisition of approximately 32,000 square feet of vacant land in the East Cathedral Cove Storm Channel.

Public Comments were opened and closed without Public Comment.

Council Member Marchand moved adoption of the resolution, motion seconded by Council Member England, motion carried 4-0 **by Resolution R-406.**

LEGISLATIVE ACTION(S)

9. Approval of resolution of intention to make acquisitions and improvements to form the Cove Improvement District No. 2004-02 and resolution approving the preliminary Engineer's Report and authorizing balloting for the proposed Cove Improvement District No. 2004-02.

Bill Bayne, City Engineer gave a report and a time table, the answered several question. As a point of clarity, the action tonight is taken to allow the Cove Homeowners to vote on this decision. There is another Steering Committee meeting on March 29th and staff will be available all day on the 30th for answering questions.

Mayor DeRosa opened the floor to Public Comments.

Robert Reeves – Cathedral City. Member of the Steering Committee advised that we Have been getting a lot of feed back from the residents. Their primary concern is to get this ballot passed. They are dealing with several factors (1) reviewing parcel by parcel And (2) result of our review should be included on ballots. The sub committee of the steering committee is working very had on the funding front. Mary Bono has promised to try for a \$6 million grant and Diane Feinstein is trying for another \$8 million. With regard to the state our only hope is Prop 50.

Mr. Bayne stressed the cove hotline phone number is so important – 250-8673 – call it, and you will get a return call.

Hearing no one else wishing to speak Mayor DeRosa closed Public Comments.

Council Member Marchand moved adoption of the Resolution, motion seconded by Council Member England, motion carried 4-0 **by Resolution No. 2005-24**

COUNCIL REPORTS ON CITIZEN INQUIRIES AND CONCERNS

Mayor DeRosa wanted to again thank Bonnie Garcia for helping us in writing the grant for Prop 50 so that we might maximize the money we get for the Cove Sewer Project. Even though the state is in tough times, there is Prop 50 money available. We will be sending letters to Mary Bono's office, Senator Feinstein's office, and to Bonnie Garcia's office thanking them for there assistance. We will keep the residents informed and we will let you know if you need to write letters in support of this funding.

Council Member Marchand complimented both Chief Henry and Chief Sowles for receiving good words by clients of mine who are also constituents. Kudos to both departments. Important to remember those who have touched our community, I ask that we adjourn tonight in memory of Joslin Keeran and Lalo Guerreo.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to come before this council, Mayor DeRosa adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Pat Hammers, CMC
City Clerk